



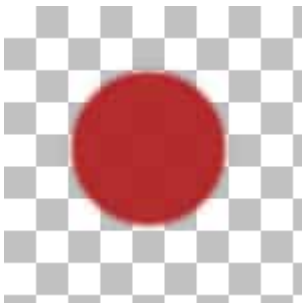
## Diagonal Tiling in PaintShop Pro

### Description

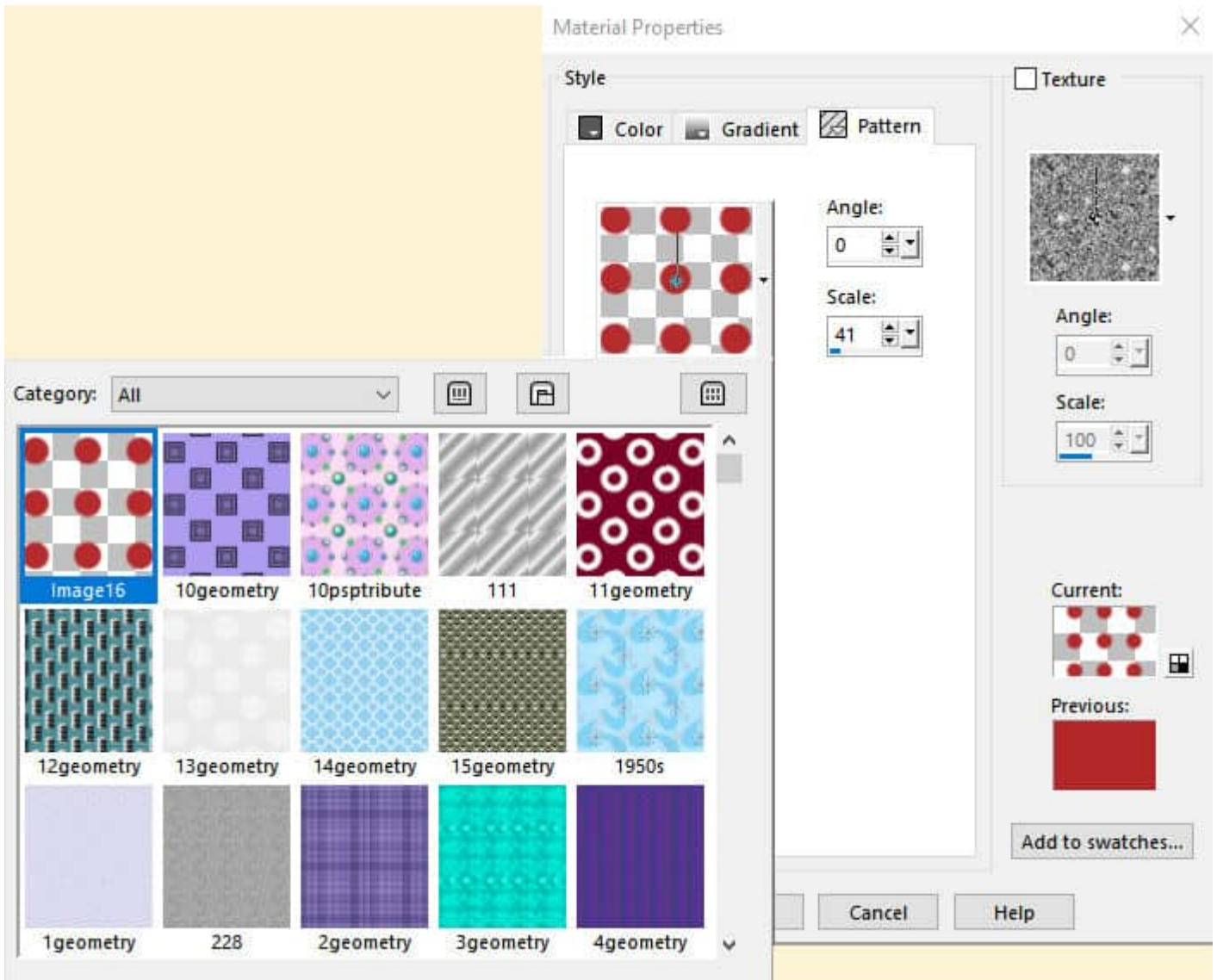
One can create a tiling pattern simply by using an open image as a **Pattern** in the **Materials** palette. This is a simple method, but sometimes, you want something a little different and more dynamic. Let's see how to create some diagonal patterns.

### Simple tiling

Whether you want to repeat a dot or a star, you can create a small square tile and leave it open in your workspace.

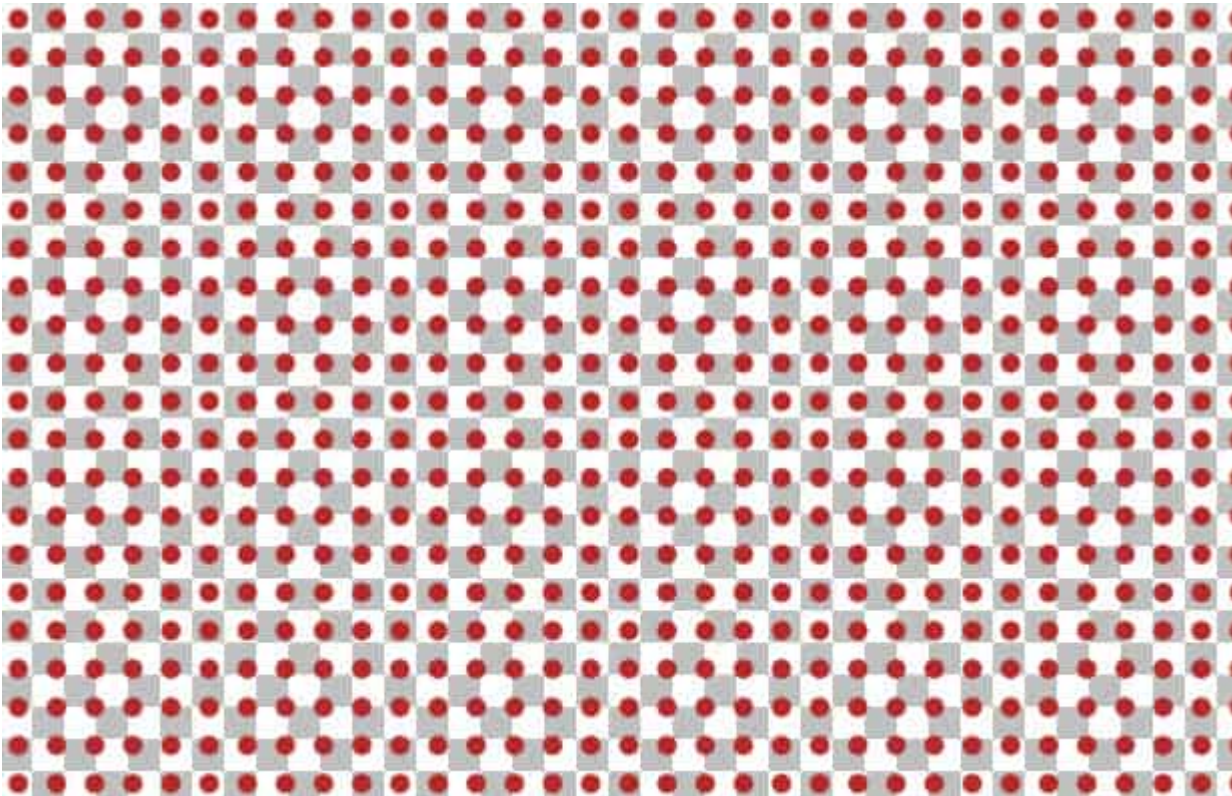


Now, go to the **Materials** palette, and under the **Patterns** tab, you should see that image, on top of the list.



All the images from your workspace will appear in that list, even blanks if you have any.

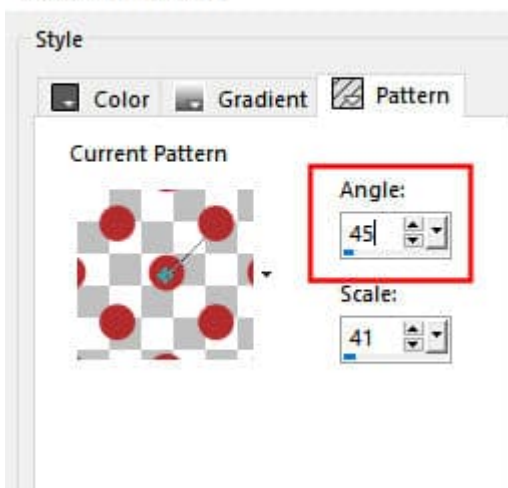
Adjust the **Scale** as needed. Activate that tile and it will now become the pattern you can fill your larger project with.



## Diagonal tiling

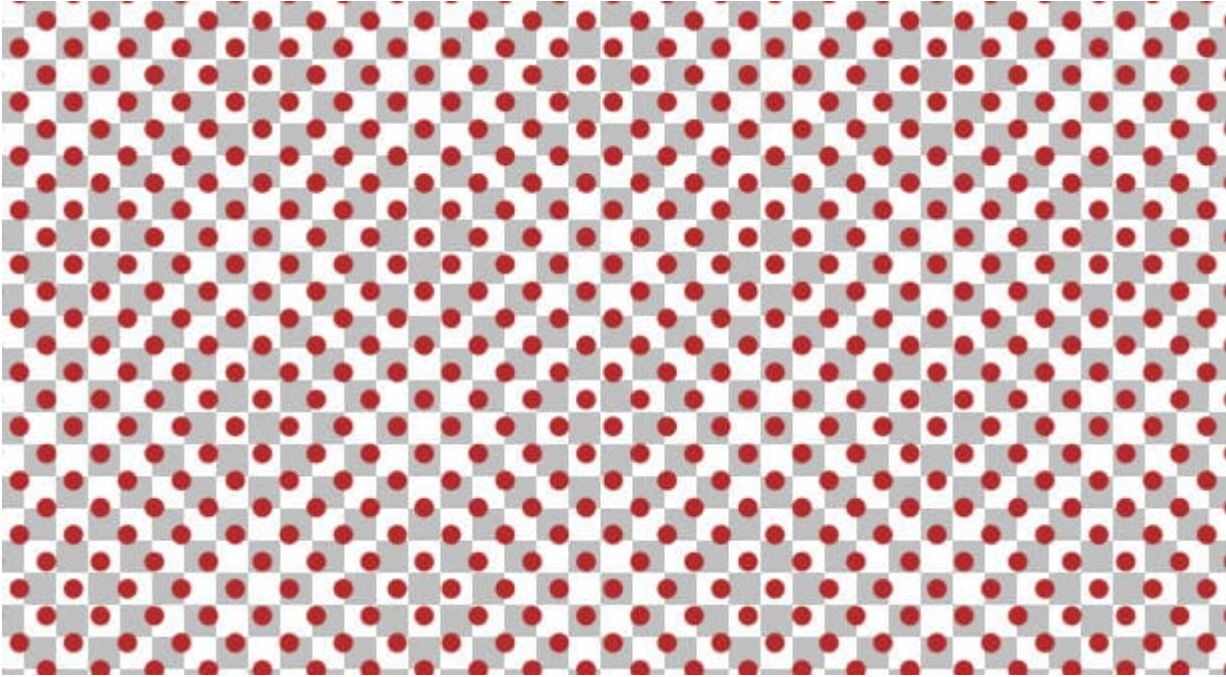
If you want to add some variety, you can change the **Angle** value in the **Materials** properties window to 45 degrees.

### Material Properties



Now, the same tile will give a different result on your project. It can be used with dots and lines to create plaids.

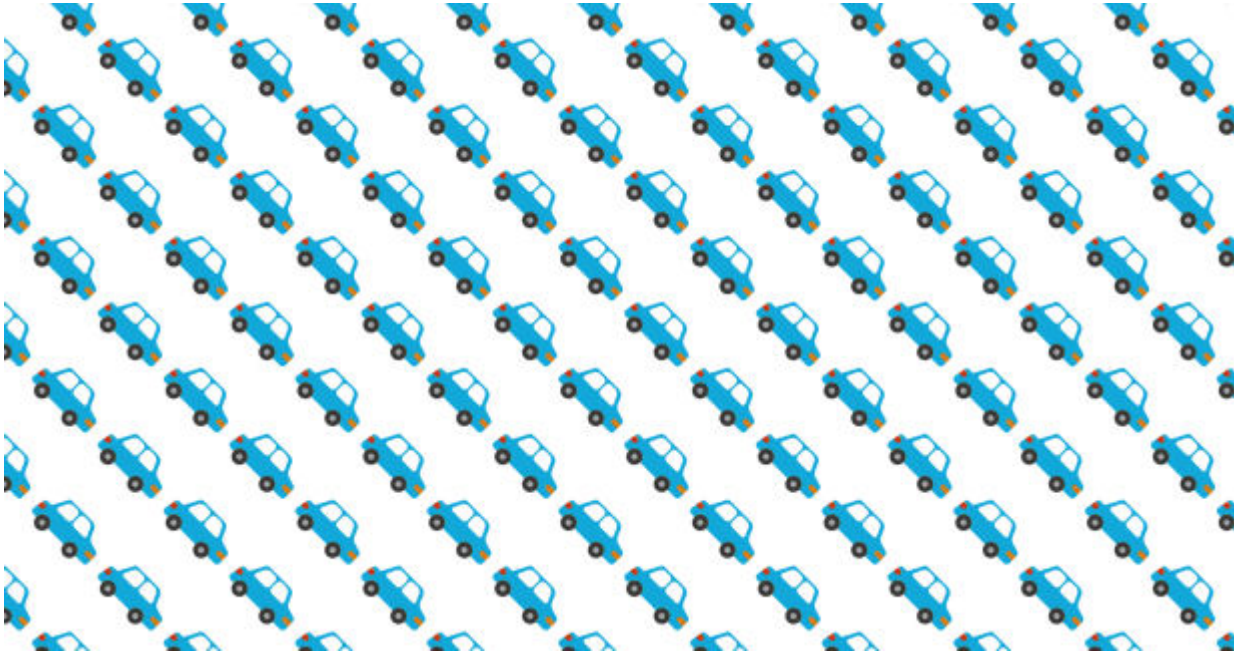




The problem is that if you have a design that is clearly identifiable, changing the angle will not look good. Let's start with this fun design.



It will simply give the impression that everything is tilted without further thought.



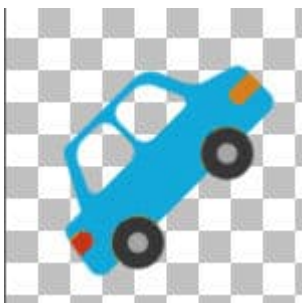
In order to avoid that issue, let's go back to the initial tile. Rotate the element 45 degrees **to the left**.

Direction:  Right  Left

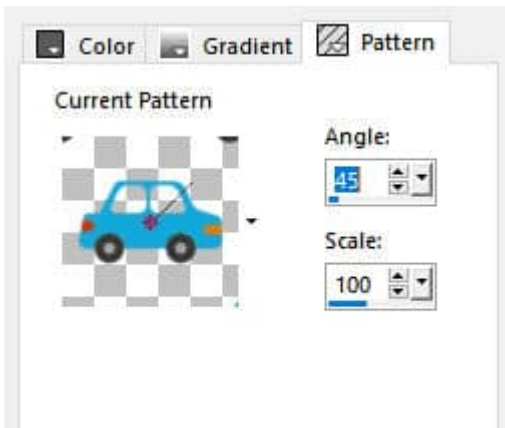
Degrees:  90  180  270  Free:  (,01-359.99)

All layers  Rotate single layer around canvas center

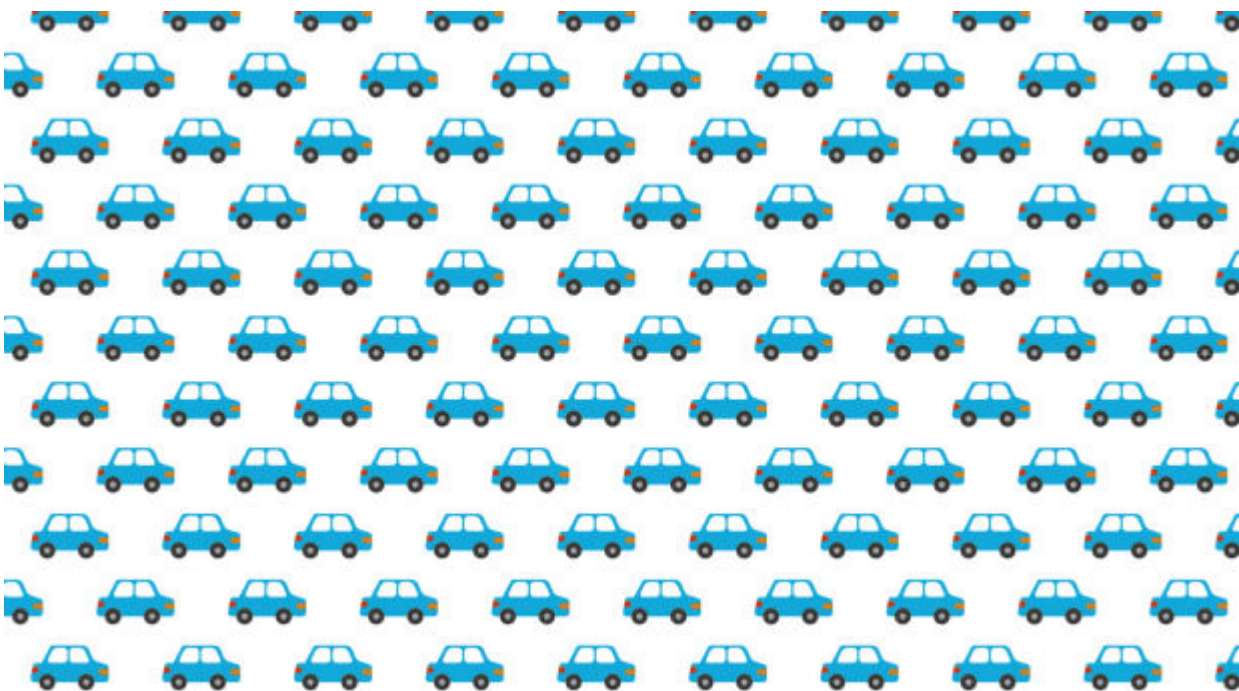
Now, your image looks like this:



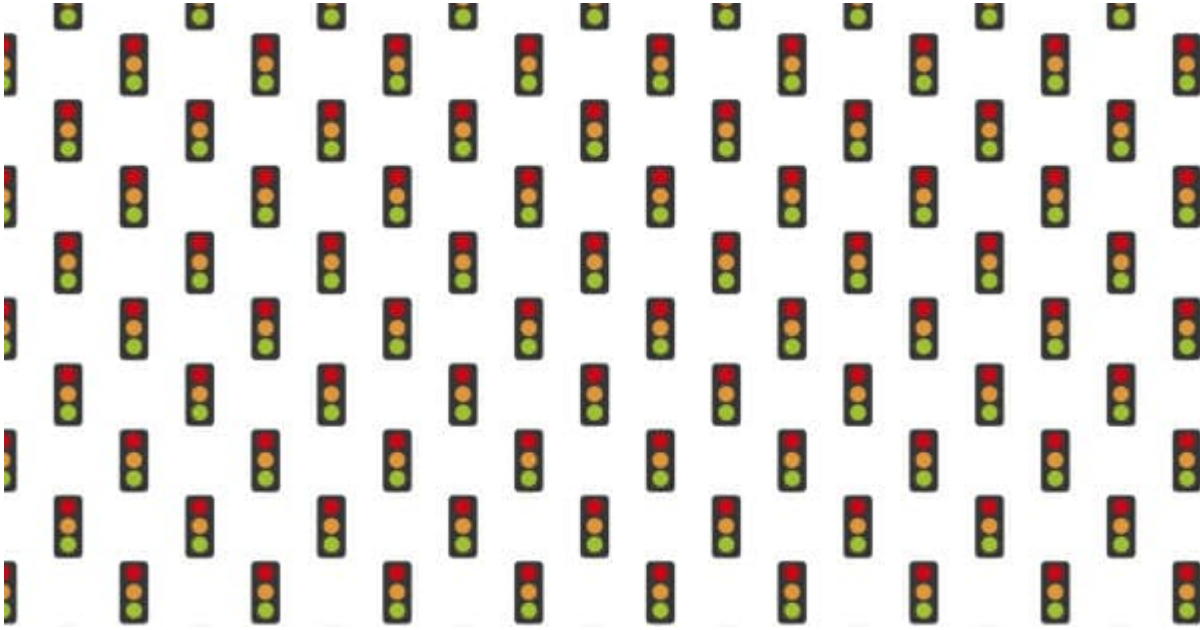
Now, back to the **Materials Properties** dialog window, choose that tile, and enter the **Angle** as 45 degrees (**to the right**). Notice that the design now appears straight.



Flood filling your project will now look more interesting and well thought out.



Doesn't that look better? You can use this technique with any design that is directional, whether it should be vertical or horizontal.



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